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THE MINUTES



Minutes of B.A.R.G. Annual General Meeting 26th July 1996.

The AGM for 1996/7 was opened at 7:38pm with President Gordon VK3FGC extending a warm welcome to all present.

APOLOGIES were accepted on behalf of the following VK3's; DS,CFH, TOP,LBA, NIZ,SE,AEX,N9NAY. (ciz/fmc)

THE MINUTES of the AGM held on the 28th July 1995 were read and confirmed. (fmc/jfl)

PRESIDENTS REPORT: President Gordon VK3FGC elaborated on the years activities and expressed heartfelt appreciation of member support during his term of office. See full copy of report presented in July newsletter (on file). Adoption of report, moved FGC seconded AAP.

TREASURERS AUDITED REPORT: was circulated, discussed and accepted. (kgl/dmk)

RECOMMENDATION: that the annual subscription remain as is for the next financial year. (dmk/xdq)

President Gordon presented the following certificates for performances in the BARG weekly 2m scramble.

Encouragement earth stake award	VK3FAQ
Championship runner up	VK3CAZ
1995-1996 champion	VK3KAY

President Gordon expressed appreciation for support during the year and declared all Offices vacant.

The Returning officer - Budd VK3AAP thanked Gordon on behalf of the members, for his efforts during the presidential term. He then called for nominations !!!!!

ELECTIONS: The election was duly held and the new offices elected for the 1996/97 year. See attached list.

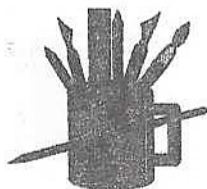
RECOMMENDATION: That Jeff VK3LU and Bob VK3BNC be once again appointed to auditor BARG financial records. (dok/axh)

Gordon VK3FGC was renominated for club President and unanimous support was given for his second term of office.

Past President Bob VK3BNC presented Gordon with a certificate recognizing his past term in this role.

The AGM concluded at 8:34 pm.

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The meeting was opened at 8:34pm by President Gordon VK3FGC.

MINUTES of the previous meeting were confirmed as read. (fmc/dmk)

TREASURERS REPORT. The following accounts were presented for payment.

Nulty's	\$37.20
News letter post	\$33.11

CORRESPONDENCE:

Inwards.

Amateur Radio.

HBARC

WANRC

GARCC

Thanks from family of Geoff ADB

Formal letter of resignation from doug. VK3VBA.

out.

Nil

(xdq/dok)

REPORTS: Due to the nature of the evening (AGM) it was decided to defer reporting until next month.

REMINDER: 11th August Examination Closing date !!!!!!!

DEMONSTRATION of VK3RBV (ATV) capabilities was presented by AAI.
Great views of our fair city.....Many thanks Murray. !!!!

Meeting closed at 8:53pm. Great supper of pies 'n' pasties was enjoyed by all.

Next meeting: Friday 30th August.

Finally: "I never repeat gossip, so i'll say this only once."

Have a great month.
Cheers Geoff VK3ADB.

FT-1000MP

This is an article on how I see making a choice on which radio to buy, it is not a short literary composition.

I was faced with the prospect of the loss of my hobby shooting, and as in most things I do, I hate to be placed in a position to which I feel most uncomfortable or unable to diversify to other aspects of the hobby, I don't quit I just move on to other things I like, so felt that photography or radio was the go.

As one always does, I went to a number of outlets to plague the poor shop attendant for any booklet or brochure (coloured if possible) they may have on the latest "YOU BEAUT BELLS AND WHISTLES, ALL DANCING THING A MAJIG".

Well when you get there all you can do is drool, it is positively stimulating to see all the beaut gear that you could only dream about in the past and now the time has come to get your grubby little hands on(touch mine with grubby little or big hands and see what I turn into).

Well it had to be a new "RADIO", and I was bubbling over with an irrepressible urge to buy the first rig that I set eyes on. Where does one start to work through the mountain of incredible if not phenomenal radios on offer by the big companies. Well I started by taking home a stack of brochures that contained the specifications for the Three top radios for each of the main ones of interest to me, they were Icom, Yaesu and Kenwood.

Now started the hard part, which brand would I pick?, what type did I really want?, what did I want from it?, HOW MUCH WAS IT GOING TO COST ?, was it going to do what I wanted from my hobby?, well you have all asked the same question at some time or another, and I could almost bet you went for the brand that took your fancy first off.

Well here is how I went about it, first of all what could I spend without breaking the piggy bank and would I have to live alone after the wife left me?.

Three radios were in the running, They were the KENWOOD TS-870s DSP, the ICOM IC-775DSP and the Yaesu FT 1000MP EDSP.

The IC-781 type radio would have left me living on my own, and the time spent washing, ironing and cooking would have cut into DX time so they were out as far as cost went in my case.

Specifications and options were then looked at for the dollar, and the FT1000MP came up trumps as far as I could see, but the other rigs were real good don't get me wrong. Anyone of them would be nice to own as they all have something special going for them. The price for what you get gave me only one option, and that was the Yaesu FT1000MP.

Having made up my mind as to which rig was to take up residence at my station it was only a matter of order and wait. I must add it was a shock when the rig came three days ahead of time, and would you believe this exquisite piece of technology came two hours before the club meeting and all I had time to do was remove it from its box and set it up in the shack, that I am sure was the longest meeting ever held by BARG.

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Having found a liking for DX operations and the odd contest I was after a radio that would help with this, dual vfo's fast qsy with shuttle-jog super filtering etc.

The shock comes when you go to pick up the box that it comes in, it is a big radio after using mobile radios for some years. The radio is well packed and comes with lots of information, the operating manual has 104 pages of information and is in a format that is easy to read and above all easy to understand.

A nice touch is the QSL card for JA1MP the late founder of the YAESU company which the radio is named after.

There is also several large sheets of circuit diagrams included in the paper work along with an extensive list of user function settings. Another inclusion is the 6 page IOTA program which has frequencies, contact points and contest information.

A hand microphone, MH-31 comes with the radio, it incorporates not only up/down and fast buttons, but also includes a tone switch which works very well. I also purchased the desk microphone MD-100A8X which has selectable low-cut filtering and high-emphasis active filtering along with a rotary up/down slow/fast control for scanning.

The microphone is a dynamic with a frequency response of 100 to 5,000 HZ (-6dB)

I don't wish to quote any of the technical data as supplied with the rig, but will try to give some idea of how I found it to use.

On opening the large box it is a delight to see such a nice finish and layout but the large number of knobs and buttons is a little daunting to start with.

I placed the rig on the kitchen table in an effort to impress the cook, and all I got was "you will never learn to drive that thing" it has more knobs and lights than a flight simulator has.

After beating a hasty retreat from the club meeting I went home to solder up new earth straps and setup the radio. I found the radio very easy to operate, and found the manual very easy to follow. The radio has dual in-band receive which is real good for split frequency DX as you can listen to both sides of the dog piles at the same time. If you have a station that is causing QRM to your net, all you do is tune up or down to that station on the sub vfo and when the time is right press the TX button and TX on the sub vfo to inform them of the problem and still maintain contact with net you are operating. also if a carrier is causing a problem the push of a button removes it to leave you with a clear frequency and if it shifts it follows it.

I will not go into the EDSP side of the rig, but all I can say it works a dream and has made life on the DX side of things a breeze as I now work stations that I could not hear in the past.

The antenna sockets are A & B plus an RX socket, the radio changes antennas if required when band is changed and the ATU matches where required.

There is an inbuilt power supply, and DC socket as well, not to mention the Cat plug.

The multi-colour high resolution display is something to see, it has over 50 displays on the main display screen and there are over 100 knobs and buttons on the front alone.

Then if you want to get carried away you can start on the function system of which there are over 80.

Best 73's Cliff De VK3CCB.



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A man was one day walking in the bush when a terrible storm came up. He looked around for shelter but there was none. It began to rain in torrents, so he crawled into a hollow log, It fitted snugly. The rain lasted for hours, the water soaked through the wood, The log started to contract. When the storm was over the man could not get out.

He strained to free himself with all his might, but the log held tight. Exhausted he gave up. He knew he would starve to death.

Like a drowning man, he saw his whole life flash before him. Especially his mistakes. He suddenly remembered that he had not got around to paying his membership renewal to the BARG for the coming year. This made him feel so small he was able to crawl out of the log without difficulty.

anon.....

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COMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

August 30th	General Meeting.
September 18th	Committee Meeting.
September 27th	General Meeting
November 2nd	WICEN Bike Ride, Help wanted.

2M Scramble	Sunday Nights 7.50pm 146.425 to 146.600 MHz.
Club Net	Thursday Nights 8pm. 3.610 +/- QRM
WICEN Training	4th Wednesday each month.
Construction Night	Monday Nights at BRACE.



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